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REF: A. JAKARTA 4669 (LEGISLATORS ON CIA PLOT)
B. JAKARTA 4662 (AMBASSADOR AND MUSLIM LEADERS)
C. JAKARTA 4891 (AMBASSADOR MEETS WITH GUS DUR)

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER DAVID R. GREENBERG,
REASON 1.5 (D).

SUMMARY

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[REDACTED] POLITICAL AND
SECURITY MINISTER YUDHOYONO, ARMED FORCES COMMANDER SUTARTO,

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POLICE CHIEF BACHTIAR, AND FOREIGN MINISTER WIRAJUDA HAVE ALL STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF TERRORISM AND ACCEPT THAT TERRORISTS ARE PRESENT IN INDONESIA. YUDHOYONO ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOI WOULD SEND A TEAM TO INTERVIEW OMAR AL-FAROUQ AND PURSUE ITS OWN INVESTIGATION.

FORMER PRESIDENT GUS DUR CITED ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR AND OTHERS BY NAME, CALLING THEM TERRORISTS WHOM THE GOI SHOULD ARREST (REF C). HOWEVER, ISLAMIST POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS,

HAVE DENOUNCED CLAIMS OF A TERRORIST PRESENCE. ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS FROM LEADING ISLAMIST POLITICAL FIGURES REFLECT SKEPTICISM OVER U.S. MOTIVATIONS AND A PERCEIVED BIAS AGAINST ISLAM.

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END SUMMARY.

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SOME GOI FIGURES SPEAKING PRAGMATICALLY...

3. (SBU) DESPITE A RECENT ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (DPR) (REF A), MANY LEADING GOI FIGURES HAVE PUBLICLY TAKEN A MORE MODERATE LINE IN ADDRESSING CONCERNS OVER A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST PRESENCE IN INDONESIA. FOREIGN MINISTER HASSAN WIRAJUDA PUBLICLY CITED BOMBINGS THAT TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT INDONESIA IN RECENT YEARS (SINCE THE FALL OF SUHARTO) AS HE ASSERTED THAT THERE DEFINITELY WERE TERRORISTS IN INDONESIA. WIRAJUDA STATED IT REMAINED UNCLEAR WHETHER THOSE TERRORISTS WERE LINKED TO AL QAEDA, HOWEVER.

4. (SBU) COORDINATING MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO HAS SAID PUBLICLY THAT THE GOI WOULD NOT EASILY ACCEPT FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BUT WOULD COME TO ITS OWN CONCLUSIONS ABOUT OMAR AL-FAROUQ AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION. YUDHOYONO ALSO STRESSED THE GOI'S POLICY OF FIGHTING TERRORISM. YUDHOYONO TOLD THE PRESS ON SEPTEMBER 30 THAT THE GOI WOULD SEND AN INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO INTERVIEW AL-FAROUQ AND VERIFY HIS ALLEGATIONS.

5. (SBU) ON SEPTEMBER 26, ARMED FORCES (TNI) COMMANDER ENDRIARTONO SUTARTO STATED PUBLICLY THAT FOREIGNERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING IN CONFLICT REGIONS IN INDONESIA, AND HE CALLED ON THE GOI TO PRODUCE A LAW TO ENABLE THE TNI TO BECOME ACTIVE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. IN A SEPTEMBER 30 PRESS CONFERENCE, SUTARTO STATED THAT THERE WAS

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A THREAT OF TERRORISM IN INDONESIA, AND THE TNI WOULD ASSIST
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THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (BIN) IN FIGHTING TERRORISM,
SPECIFICALLY WITH USE OF THE TNI'S KOPASSUS (SPECIAL FORCES).

(NOTE: A PENDING DRAFT TERRORISM LAW COULD ALLOW FOR SOME
MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN COUNTERTERRORISM OPERATIONS, BUT IT
DOES NOT CURRENTLY SPECIFY A TNI ROLE. THE MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED THE DRAFT LAW TO THE DPR. END
NOTE.)

6. (SBU) NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF DAI BACHTIAR TOLD REPORTERS ON
SEPTEMBER 30 THAT THE POLICE WERE MONITORING CERTAIN LEADERS
OF JEMAAH ISLAMIAH. ECHOING YUDHOYONO'S COMMENTS, BACHTIAR
SAID HE WOULD SEND A POLICE TEAM OVERSEAS TO TAKE PART IN THE
INVESTIGATION OF OMAR AL-FAROUQ'S TIES TO TERRORISM. AS OF
OCTOBER 2, BACHTIAR HAS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN PUBLICLY THAT,
WHILE INVESTIGATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 23 GRENADE INCIDENT
CONTINUED, EVIDENCE WAS POINTING TO A DEBT COLLECTION EFFORT.

... BUT VP HAMZAH HAZ STILL CRITICAL...

7. (SBU) VICE PRESIDENT AND UNITED DEVELOPMENT PARTY (PPP)
CHAIRMAN HAMZAH HAZ HAS REPEATEDLY, PUBLICLY CITED AN ABSENCE
OF PROOF OF AN INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST PRESENCE. HE HAS
DENIED SUCH A PRESENCE EXISTED AND WARNED THAT ALLEGATIONS OF
A TERRORISM PRESENCE COULD DAMAGE INDONESIA'S IMAGE AND HARM
U.S.-INDONESIAN RELATIONS. HE HAS ALSO SPOKEN OUT IN DEFENSE

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OF ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR, SAYING THAT HE (HAMZAH) WOULD NOT
ALLOW BA'ASYIR'S ARREST ("ARREST ME FIRST," HE SAID AT ONE
POINT), ALTHOUGH HE QUALIFIED HIS REMARKS AS CONTINGENT ON A
LACK OF EVIDENCE.

... AS ARE MOST OTHER ISLAMIST POLITICIANS

8. (SBU) HAMZAH HAZ'S SKEPTICAL SENTIMENTS ARE SIMILAR TO
THOSE OF LEADERS OF ISLAMIC MASS ORGANIZATIONS (REF B) AND
OTHER ISLAMIST PARTIES. JUSTICE PARTY (PK) PRESIDENT HIDAYAT
NUR WAHID WAS AMONG THE FIRST POLITICIANS TO DENOUNCE PUBLIC
REPORTS OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST PRESENCE IN
INDONESIA AS "AMERICAN BLACK PROPAGANDA." CRESCENT MOON AND
STAR PARTY (PBB) CHAIRMAN (AND JUSTICE MINISTER) YUSRIL IHZA
MAHENDRA SIMILARLY STATED THAT THE USG WAS SPREADING
PROPAGANDA IN ORDER TO PREVENT INDONESIA FROM BECOMING A
STRONG COUNTRY. HOWEVER, MAHENDRA HAS ALSO NOTED THE NEED TO
MOVE FORWARD WITH THE DRAFT ANTI-TERROR LAW THAT HAS STALLED
AT HIS MINISTRY. NATIONAL MANDATE PARTY (PAN) CHAIRMAN AMIEN
RAIS NOTED THE CIA HAD A HISTORY OF INTERFERING IN OTHER
COUNTRIES AND, CITING AN ABSENCE OF PROOF, CAUTIONED AGAINST
INDONESIANS BECOMING "FOREIGN LACKEYS."

PKB ASSAILS EXTREMISTS

9. (SBU) FORMER PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL AWAKENING PARTY (PKB)
CHAIRMAN ABDURRAHMAN WAHID HAS STOOD OUT AS THE ONLY LEADING
POLITICAL FIGURE FROM AN ISLAM-BASED PARTY PUBLICLY
ACKNOWLEDGING A TERRORIST PRESENCE IN INDONESIA. FOLLOWING A

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MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, THE FORMER PRESIDENT TOLD
JOURNALISTS THE GOI MUST ARREST TERRORISTS, MAKING SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR, LASKAR JIHAD'S JA'FAR UMAR
THALIB, AND HABIB RIZIEQ OF THE ISLAMIC DEFENDER'S FRONT (REF
C). (NOTE: THE PKB IS A NATIONALIST PARTY THAT DRAWS ON
WAHID'S BASE FROM NAHDLATUL ULAMA, INDONESIA'S LARGEST MASS
MUSLIM ORGANIZATION. END NOTE.)

COMPETITION WITHIN THE ISLAMIST CAMP

10. (C)

[REDACTED] TOLD US THERE WAS A WIDESPREAD, GENUINE
BELIEF IN INDONESIA THAT ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR AND LASKAR JIHAD
LEADER JA'FAR UMAR THALIB WERE NOT TERRORISTS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ECHOED THAT VIEW, SAYING THE PUBLIC REMAINED HIGHLY
SKEPTICAL OF PRESS REPORTS POINTING TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL
TERRORIST PRESENCE IN INDONESIA. HOWEVER, THEY JUDGED THAT
MOST INDONESIANS RECOGNIZE THE RADICAL ELEMENTS ARE
DANGEROUS. [REDACTED] ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS A POLITICAL
INTEREST BY ISLAMIST FIGURES IN EXPLOITING THIS ISSUE. HE
DID NOT BELIEVE THE DISCOURSE ON TERRORISM RESONATED WITH THE
ELECTORATE, HOWEVER, EXCEPT PERHAPS IN CERTAIN
CONFLICT-RIDDEN AREAS LIKE ACEH AND AMBON. RAISING TERRORISM
AND DISPARAGING THE U.S. WAS NOT AN ISLAMIST EFFORT TO GAIN
VOTES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE NATIONALIST PARTIES, BUT RATHER
PART OF THE ISLAMIST LEADERS' JOCKEYING AMONGST THEMSELVES.

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